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[illegible]

To let you [illegible]

[illegible] expect [illegible]

[illegible] many [illegible]

[illegible] been [illegible]

[illegible] you to [illegible]

[illegible] writing [illegible]

[illegible]

hungry [illegible]

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[illegible] you [illegible]
[illegible] you [illegible] write
[illegible] & I will
[illegible] letter [illegible] you
[illegible] him a letter &
direct [illegible] of the ~~[illegible]~~
[illegible]
Nan[illegible]

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[illegible] Tennessee
[illegible] 2nd [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] my
[illegible] Know
how [illegible] getting along [illegible] not
much [illegible]
[illegible] this
[illegible]
[illegible] with
army [illegible]
[illegible]
Va. and came to east Tennessee we had
a long and heavy march and not
much to eat and we cant get much
now only what we buy it and we cant
buy much for I have not drawn any
money yet. You said you heard the yankees
had taken the salt works that is a
mistake the yankees is not near the

the rebels [illegible] they have tore up the railroad [illegible] in this country and burnt all the bridges that they could get to. [illegible] [illegible] make the same [illegible] [illegible] for we cannot [illegible] [illegible] army.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] carry them [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] although [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] than they ought to do.

[illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] [illegible] deserted [illegible] [illegible] John [illegible] he was sent to [illegible] for a trial for desertion I have not heard from him in a long time.

I have just received a letter from [illegible] but I do not know how long it has ben wrote it said that I had another sister I would like very much to see the Rebel

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American. You must write soon
and give all the news
I must bring this letter to a close
[illegible] expect to see [illegible]
friends

[illegible]

C. W. B[illegible]

I send [illegible] letter to
[illegible] we are
stationed on the railroad on
the edge of [illegible] close to
Carter Station.

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[illegible]

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[ORIGINAL LETTER RETAINED BY BUNKER FAMILY] [1863]

Camp Davalls ford Tenn
Nov the 18th 1863

Dear Sister

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to write to you. I am well at present and hope when these few lines do reaches you it they will find you enjoying the same blessings. We have been here at this camp about a week and I do not know how long we will have to remain but I know if we stay here much longer we will perrish to death. About two weeks ago [illegible] we went out on a scout and was gone about five days we traveled three nights and days before we made a halt the second night got me it rained all night as hard as it could pour and we had to travel over the rockyest and the mudyest road that I ever saw and the

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next morning we ran up on the yankee
pickets and captured them and [illegible]
went on to a little Town call Rogersville
and there we saw a little fun catching
yankees we captured about 850 yankees
and started back about twelve o'clock
and travelled all night that night
and in the whole scout we did not
take our saddles off of our horses but once
or twice and did not feed but once
or twice a day and when we got back
to camp every horse in the Batalion
had the scratches so bad that they
could hardly travell.
My horse [illegible] had the distemper
she had it very bad she had it
about four weeks and went on
that raid and travelled so hard
that she is now nearly dead.
John Greenwood & and the balland
of the boys is well You must
knit me two or three pare of

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socks & a pare of gloves I lost
my gloves on ~~that~~ charge after
the yankes you must make
them and try and send them
out hear if you can for
I do not think I will come
home this winter and you
must send me another blanket
for the wether is getting very
cold out hear. you must write
soon I will have to bring
this letter to a close as it is
getting time to go about supper

Yours as ever
C W Bunker

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April the 22 1864
Camp [illegible] Weston
[illegible]

Dear [illegible]

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I was six days getting to camp after I left home. It rained & snowed every day but one and when we got to [illegible] river it was ten feet above common water and we waded it and got to camp that evening. & We have been marching ever since. We are now in 15 miles of [illegible] I expect we will go to [illegible] to morrow. We are [illegible] drill fashion at this time [illegible] with man and horse. The weather has been very cold

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since I have come out and
it is very cold here now it has
been raining and snowing for
seven days but it melted as
fast as it fell the road is very
muddy almost impassable
John [illegible] is well [illegible] the [illegible]
of the [illegible]. there is not much
news in camp only there is a man
to be shot Friday for desertion
I must bring this letter to a
close You must write soon direct
your letter to [illegible].
I am well at present and hope
these few lines will find you
the same

Yours as ever
C. W. Bunker

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Dublin Va
May the 14th 1864

Dear Sister

As we have to rest a day at this camp I will take time to drop you a few lines to let you know that I am well at present and hope these few lines may find you enjoying the same privileges. We have been marching about three weeks and our horses is very near worn out we have nothing to feed them on but grass and march them knight and day. Last Tuesday we met up with the Yankees a five miles northeast direction from Wytheville the fight commenst about one oclock and we fought them untell dark we drove them back about 5 miles they was making their way to Wytheville there was about 1800 of them I went into the fight

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and as it happened I came out
saft. there was 75 Yankees killed
and 10 or 13 of our men We never
lost nary man out of our Battalion
We went back to Withville that
night and the next morning we
drew five days rashions and come
in three miles of this place and
and the next morning we come to
town The Yankees burnt the
depot and several other buildings
The Regiment that Shade Franklin was
got cut up pretty badly at this place
I went out to the hospital the
other day to see if I could hear
from him and one of the wounded
men told me that he came
out saft We are going to start to
the salt works this evening You
must write to me as soon
as you get this John Doss was
in the fight and come out

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saft John Greenwood was not
in the fight he is on detail
out about saltville Direct your
letter to Wytheville

Yours &c
C W Bunker

James Belton come out saft

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Lexington Rockbridge Co. Va
June the 26th 1864

Dear Sister

As we have to stop and rest a day or two at this place I thought that I would drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We have been marching every day for 30 days we do not get anything to feed our horses on but grass and we do not give them much time to eat that and the most of them is broken down my horse and John Dosses is broken down and lame and we are now behind the Command recruiting them up.

I have been in four or five fights since we have been down here the Yankees come very near taking me prisoner two or three times I had to slip through their lines one time in the night.

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I have seen all of the boys that
belonged to the 21st N C Reg I saw
them at Lynchburg Wiltershire Banner
said that he had not heard
from his people in a long time
and he told me to tell you to
tell his people that he was well
Drury Creed was well also
all of the boys is well from that
neighbourhood Capt Young was
taken prisoner at the fight at
Salem the Yankees took a great
deal of property from this country
they stole about 500 negroes and
four or five thousand head of cattle
and about fifteen hundred ~~[illegible]~~
head of horses I am well at present
and hope these few lines will
find you the same

Yours &c
C W Bunker

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From C. B. to N. B.

Camp near Staunton Va
July the 1st 1864

Dear Sister
It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. We are now on the march but I do not know where we are going too although I expect we are going to pennsylvania and maryland John Dees & James Dennon is up with the Command they just got up in time to go to Lynchburg with us. I was very glad to get them provisions that you sent to me. the Yankees came very near taking our prisoners two or

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these times they have taken
Capt Young & two other Capts
out of our regiment we had
a hard time a running of
them and they running of us
My horse Borked himself and
become very lame and I had
to leave him with a gentleman
there who lives five miles this
side of Lexington in Rockbridge
County Va his name is A Lindsey
he said that he would take good
care of him until I got back
or you sent for him and
if I should get killed or captured
on this raid you can send and
get him. I am well at
this time and hope these
few lines may find you the
same. John [illegible] [illegible]
[illegible] and he says he will have
to leave him in a few days

[illegible]

Wheat Crops [illegible] is the best
that I ever saw and corn
Crops is very good also
in this County I must bring
this letter to a close you
must rite soon and
direct your letter to [illegible]
Staunton Va

Yours &c
C W Bunker

the mans name that I
left my horse with is
A Lindsey
Lexington Rock Bridge Co
Va

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if I should get killed or captured
in this raid you can send and
get him. I am well at
this time and hope these
few lines may find you the
same. John Jones is here
and he says he will have
to leave him in a few days

Wheat Crops here is the best
that I ever saw and corn
Crops is very good also
in this Country I must bring
this letter to a close you
must write soon and
direct your letter to Staunton
Staunton Va

Yours &c
C W Bunker

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Camp Chase. O., Oct the 12th 1864

Dear Father, Mother, Brothers and Sisters

It is with pleasure I take the present opportunity to drop you a few lines to let you know how I am getting along. I was Captured the 7th of last August and brought to this place. I have no news of interest to write to you as there are none allowed to come in prison. You must write to me as soon as you get this and let me know how you are getting along I would like to hear from you all as it has been a long time since I heard from you but I hope it will not be very long before I will hear from you and see you too all though I see no chance for ~~no~~ an exchange. I have not seen many well days since I came to this place I have had the Small pox and have now got the diarea but I hope that I will be well in the course of a week, the Small pox did not go very hard with me it did not confine me to my bed but about three weeks. I would like to have some Cloths as I have not got but one suit and ~~and~~ it is very thin summer goods but it is impossible for you to send me any from home We are drawing very light rashions here just enough to keep breath and body together I must bring this to a close and I hope it will find you well and doing well. Direct to Camp Chase Columbus Ohio and put it ~~in~~ in another envelop and direct to Judge Ould Officer of exchang Richmond Va

I remain Your son as ever C W Bunker